



## Estelle Garlichs

March 19, 1922 - March 3, 2010

Estelle Garlichs, beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, joined her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 2, 2010 just before her 88th birthday. She was born to Myrtle and Jim Mitcham on March 19, 1922 in Cameron, Texas. The youngest of four daughters, she was soon known as "Tot" a name that stayed with her throughout her life. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Hans A. Garlichs, her parents, and her three sisters. She is survived by her three daughters; Shirley McNally and husband Vern of Wickenburg, Arizona, Joan Boethel of Bastrop and Carol Sullivan and husband Clay of San Marcos. She dearly loved her grandchildren, Donna Rippner and husband David of Allen, Susan Kleinfall of Plano, Carey Paul Boethel and wife Tristan of Chicago, Illinois, Jim Boethel and wife Rachel of Bastrop, Seth Sullivan and wife Melissa of San Antonio and Lindsey Keller and husband Josh of Reading, Pennsylvania. Her greatest joy was her ten great grandchildren, Chelsea and Allison Rippner, Kelvin and Keaton Kleinfall, Eden Boethel, Stephen, Zachary and Jonah Boethel and Emily and Grant Sullivan. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Margrit Hancher and loving nieces and nephews. Estelle graduated from Yoe High School in Cameron at the age of 16 and soon went to work in the Buckholts post office. In the summer of 1942 at the age of 20, she rode a train to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to marry her sweetheart, Hans Garlichs who was serving in the U.S. Army. After WWII, they settled in Lake Jackson, where they raised their daughters and lived for 50 years. Estelle worked at the Lake Jackson post office for 20

years before retiring in 1985. After retirement, they moved back to their roots and enjoyed 11 years of reuniting with old friends and making new ones in Rockdale. After Hans' death in 2004, Estelle moved to San Marcos and enjoyed living near her family until her death following complications from surgery. Throughout her life she was young in spirit, having a child-like faith in God, joy in the simple things of life and a sweetness that permeated everything she did. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in San Marcos at 10:00 AM Saturday, March 6, 2010. Visitation will be at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale from 2PM to 3PM on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM March 6, 2010 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, with burial following at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Cameron. Memorial gifts may be made to First Baptist Church, 325 W. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, Texas 78666 or St. John's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 168, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

# Tribute Wall

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**Scott & Debbie Sherrill** - March 05, 2010 at 03:14 PM

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**Cindy McDonald Mann** - March 05, 2010 at 07:49 AM